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SYNOPSIS.

Secret Service Chief Wilkins, purgled over the theft of the government's closer, cails to his aid Detective Pinkweil. They think they have discovered a new cipier, when the office buy. Brockett, tells them the office buy. Brockett, clust them the office buy. Brockett, clust them the office buy. Brockett, clust them the office buy Brockett, clust them the office buy. Brockett, clust them the office buy by the best place for us—of them eff for keeps. I wonder where we are?

"Jail, I believe you binted. Probability the best place for us—or for me, anyway, after scoring such a failure as this has been. I'm sorry I danged the think we have made a failure of the same, where the best place for us—or for me, anyway, after scoring such a failure as this has been. I'm sorry I danged to the best place for ous—or for me, anyway, after scoring such a failure as this has been. I'm sorry I danged to the best place for ous—or for me, anyway, after scoring such a failure as this has been. I'm sorry I danged to the best place for ous—or for me, anyway, after scoring such a failure as this has been. I'm sorry I danged to the best place for ous—or for me, anyway, after scoring such a failure as this has been. I'm sorry I danged to the best place for ous—or for me, anyway, after scoring such a failure as this has been. I'm sorry I danged to the best place for ous—or for me, anyway, after scoring such a failure as this has been. I'm sorry I danged to the think we have made a failure of the scoring considerable cash and—well, anyhow, containing all my money."

"I distinctly remember hand of the lights when the ligh the laren in which the latter comes out second best. Brockett and Sciano arrive in Jersey City: make appointment to meet McGinefly, its "from Man" baseball manager. Brockett and Sciano arrive in New York and run into a Chinese Tong war; received by a white man. The place of refuge found to be a trap; find themselves prisoners of Yarimoto. Kelly to rescue. Kelly turns \$10,00 Jap money over to Brockett. Brockett and Solano have encounter with touch gang, but are protected by Kelly's mon. On sleeper Cleveland-housel; the harm detected in act of rifling Solano's beeth, lumps from train. At Detroit the measurers go to ball game, receive hierostyphs in mysterious manner and depart for Chicago Arriving in Chicago, the measurers are robbed by a "transcom thief;" the baron again appears. The baron agrees to assess in recovering the stolen papers in the possession of a giant negro.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

out the money-belt and the moment bench and an empty pall. The door could fully detail. There had been a humoredly as he gazed in upon the cyclone, closely followed by an earth- captives. quake, after which the roof had fallen in, burying them under the timbers- after a little time to cool off?" at least, that was how they figured it "Rather confused," replied Brockett, all out when they began to sit up and instinctively warming to the big irish-

Did things impress you that way?" | nigger, makes his livin' mostly by dis-"Pretty much so," Ramen enswered. tributhat ads for fake doctors and "I distinctly remember having one thievin' dentists, He was tryin', as

the belt away from that negro-true | thurant," put in Solano, "and we, accienough—but we are a great deal near- | dentally happening to be there at the er to it than we were an hour before time, naturally tried to take it away we saw him. There can't be many from him. Then, I suppose, they all black men like that one; it's almost a jumped on us." certainty that the Chicago police know him and can locate him, and I think Pm surprised at," remarked the ofthat when they find him he will be ficer, "is that they didn't use their quite willing to listen to reason."

"Yes-but how about making the po-Hee Haten to reason first, in regard to ourselves and our affairs?"

weighty deliberation, and the unlucky wanderers had just started an ani-Some one turned on an electric light gleam, saw that they were the occupants of a dingy cell, perhaps eight Just what happened between the feet long by five wide, and sumptuousmoment when the big negro brought by furnished with a long wooden when a full understanding of every- was slowly opening, and the aperture day affairs came back to drockett and framed the bulky figure of a sturdy Solano, neither of those young mon Irish policeman, who chuckled good-

"Well, how do ye young divils feel

Neither Brockett nor feet. As he caught it up Solano

ett had himself invented, were these "BA SH SH FA TC W HR 2BH HR E Pos PO Pos FA FA TC HR E TO A

PO TC E 2BH SH W." "Keep original appointment. Delay no longer," translated Brockett, "Tonight's fortunes then will decide

CHAPTER XIX.

The day passed somewhat dragging ly, for time flies with lenden pin-feathers when you are in a hurry. Brockett and Solano knew that they had little time left for action, and that if they failed to recover the messages now in possession of the big negro their journey would abruptly end, an utter fallure. Most of the afternoon and early evening was spent in discussing the giant black, and the chances of finding the documents still in his possession

him in the pessession of the money."

aged the worried youngster. "When drowsed again, contented in their horpers, money and all. And I think Officer Hogan will come pretty near to

sther, but each of them felt himself gan, an' the well-known, well-respect- ett. "If so, he might also remember They Are Used as Draft Animals there for drawing or helping to draw "How do you find yourself, Ramon?" ed team is Hogan and Flynn, terrors the card he passed us, something of to all evil-doers. Well, me lad, be its general appearance, and, if he

"Hardly probable," dissented So- which came into force in England on an of strong build, but of very differ-Who pushed the building over on us, have both been fine subjects for the thing about the message that he gave people have learned to be kind to cats their barness fits them well. Neverus. Quit fretting about the whole they have generally learned to be theless, it is evident that they are

remember is making one grab at that size of an ordinary man, among the lost envelopes will come back to you some other cause, there is a good deal on the cold, wet ground, or even on before morning. Then we can hurry to be desired in the way draft dogs the snow, and this, after they have

big telescope at the evening stars. Cruitt, the human elephant. Great big It was about nine that night when have observed, are still employed rheumatism.—Pall Mail Gazette.

Officers Hogan and Flynn-the latter rible surroundings as monarchs in a RECORD LOBSTER YEAR, WEST as big, as hunky and as truly Irish as palace hall. his partner-summoned the boys for the expedition that should spell abso- man. "You want bunk, yes?" lute fallure or a chance to retrieve program as a tare bit of diversion.

"Don't you worry, me lad," chuckled Hogan, "we'll get your nagur before drab cloth, and showed a bunk bethe stroke of twelve, an' we'll get the goods with him. He's no spendthrift Brockett and Solano looked up and nagur, that felly, an' he'll have pretty near all your money still with him." of their quarry. The boys quietly en-"I'd be willing," said Brockett, "to

let him keep the money if he'd give me back what else was in the belt. "Let him kape nothin'," growled Flynn. "Wad ye oncourage a chape nagur to unlawful doin's? Ye'd spoll him be lettin' him have money. We'll get him, an' the money too."

Walking and chatting pleasantly, the policemen led their companions over a side street, and into an alley that was blacker than a pail of tar. No moon was shining, and the quartet stumbled along, occasional smothered remarks of a thoroughly profane nature marking places where the stalwart "coppers" stubbed a toe or barked a shin. After penetrating the alley for perhaps 200 feet, the policemen ordered a halt. "Now, me sons," said Hogan, "right

tere is where we have to show a bit of generalship, ye understand. Go youse two through this yard to a small back door ye'll find at the far end. Knock three times an' whistle, Some wan will look at ye through a peepbole. Seein' that ye are only kids, an' harmless-lookin', they will let ye in. If ye find the big pagur there, it is up to youse to open the door, sudden, an' let us in. If they hinder yo from openin' the door, yell-we'll hear ye. If the nagur is not there, make some excuse—a friend ye wanted is not there, or ye have no money to buy a eard av hop-an' come out again. Then we'll hang around an' wait for the black garano. Can ye make good? Ye can? Then go to it."

The boys walked through a gard filled with mad, bricks and wreckage razors on ye. Bad lot of coons hang of every imaginable kind. At the tar end of the yard they brought up "We fully believe it," said Solano, against a brick wall. They fumbled with a grimnes of pain. "But say, slong this wall, soon finding the fittle "Ye have been in only a matter of of the door a spark of light gleamed, mated discussion when there was a three hours, inda," replied the police. and they were uncomfortably aware clanging of iron and a grating of holts. man, "though I suppose it has seemed that they were under scrutiny. They a week of Sundays. As to how long ye whistles softly and tapped the door nearby and the boys, blinking in the stay-well, ye haven't been booked again. It opened and a Chinaman friends or going out again."

"You want smoke?"

ings. Officer Hogan treated them and then beckened them inside the but they restrained their impatience like younger brothers, assured them portals, shutting and bolting the door by gripping each other with firm that no charge had been entered behind them. Cat-footed, noiseless, he though shaking hands. against them, and that they might con- conducted them up a hallway damp "Ah done tole yo, mah fren," came

"Cheap, fells, hims," said the Chins-

Curtains of cheep, drab material lost fortunes. Both were in plain masked wide stretches of the wait. clothes, both were heavily armed, and | From behind these curtains came the both seemed to regard the evening's hum of subdued conversation and the perfume of the cooking "hop." Chinaman parted two strips of the tween the curtains and the wall. down the room. There was no sign



tered the bunk which the Chinaman had assigned them, and their host quickly brought them the full parapherualia of the opium smoker's pas-

"You know how cook?" questioned the yellow man, as the young fellows handed him a few silver coins: "You not can cook, me cook for you?"

"Not just yet," said Solano, "Let us rest a little-we are tired and need to stretch out awhile before we

"All lite. Yet get leady smoke, call me. I cook for you." And the heathen shuffled away to his eyrle near the door, where, with a mulatto woman, he alternately chatted softly and cast up accounts on the age-old counting strings of the Mongolian race,

"This is worth watching," whispered Brockett. "Our black man may be in one of those bunks, or he may come in at any time. We can stay here a little while before calling in our

A voice came to them from a nearby bunk-s voice that they had heard be-"Of course we do," Solano answered. fore. Both boys started agitatedly as The reliew man looked them over, they recognized its thick, oily tone,

sider themselves as simply held for with mould, noisome with dirt and the the voice, "dat dis heah place am "Better stay right here smell of many nights of opium "cook haunted. Haunted by a ghos' wivout till evenin," said the hospitable offi- ing," and guided them into a room of any haid. Dass right. Long time ago, cer, "an' then we will sally out an' try considerable size. A mattress, gray dere was a man done been killed to get hold of the big nigger. I have with diet, lay on the floor and on this right beah. Dey out off his hald, took a half-idea as to where we can locate | mattress three men-two negroes and | de | hald away wiv 'em, an' left de him. He's up against the dope-smokes one white man-were stupidly reclin- body. Evan since den dis hean hald hop regular -- an' it won't be hard to ling, while a peanut oil lamp burned less man have done haunted de spot find him. Along after supper, lads, on a bit of matting nearby, and a Now an' den he comes right in heah

Popular Crustacean Abundant In Callfornia Waters-Delicacy Now Sold In Cheap Eating Houses.

San Francisco.-Lobsters have been so plentiful in the waters of southern California this year that they retailed for 25 cents a pair. This brought the famous crustaceans into the hash and beef stew class and the cheaper restaurants were well supplied with them. The lobsters sold at this price, however, were moderate in size, although some remarkably large once were caught and marketed. In the accompanying photograph is seen a lobster which was caught near Los Angeles and which weighed 20 pounds and measured more than two feet, exclusive of the antennae.

The lobster industry in the United States is of considerable importance and employs many persons and a large amount of capital. Various methods



Giant Lobster.

are employed in catching them, but the principal method is by means of a lobster pot, or basket, constructed somewhat after the model of a rat trap.

Along the New England coast and in the waters around New York immense numbers of lobsters are carght. In Long Hand sound and in southern New England the fishing season begins about the end of March or early in April. Further north the season opens later and during the winter the supply of lobsters is taken from off the Maine coast. At that time the lobsters are in deep waters, sometimes as deep as 16 fathoms or over. Boston is a large lobster market and so is New York Singularly in the former city the male lobetor is preferred, while in the metropolis the female is

the favorite. In Europe the waters off the coasts of the popular crustacean. A species of Good Hone, Africa.

TAG POKER IS NEW FAD

Auto Just Like Real Gambling.

Chicago .- Do you play tag poker? and is becoming more and more popular amongst those who have a machine in which to ride and an element in their composition which, for lack up!" replied the young lawyer. "He's of a better and more descriptive term, | my father!"

fa called "sporting blood." The fundamental rules of this stimulating new game are the same as in straight poker, as far as pairs, threes, fours of a kind and straights go. You beguile the monotony of your

journey after this fashion:

Suppose you and a friend of yours are riding along in a car. Your friend says he will take the tag of the first car that comes along and you agree to take the second. An automobile whizzes by. You both crane your necks to catch the number, which is be 14,346.

This is your friend's hand, and consists of a pair of fours.

You watch for the next car, which will be your hand. The excitement becomes intense. The car files by, you? The number is 67,275. You win, be-

cause you have a pair of sevens. In order that you may not waste time or the stimulating effect of the game, one of the rules provides that in case there are no pairs, the "hand" having the highest number would win.

Then, too, it is possible to make the game "draw" poker. You and your friend may try to better your hands, with the additional numbers.

BREAKS NECK: STILL LIVES

Nebraska Lad of 16 Slowly Regain. ing the Use of His Body-Hurt While Diving.

St. Joseph, Mo.-Harry Million, aged sixteen years, of Guide Rock, Neb., who has been in a local hospital for six weeks with a broken neck is gradually regaining the use of his body. He can now move his hands. For several weeks his body was completely paralyzed. Million is conscious at all times and his mental faculties are clear. He broke his neck while diving in a shallow stream near his

WOMAN IS 102 YEARS OLD

Native of Ohio Celebrates Her Birthday With Public Family Reunion.

Los Angeles, Cal.-Born in Columbian county, Ohio, one hundred and two years ago, Mrs. Lydia Heald Sharpless of Whittier, celebrated her birthday here.

On this occasion a public celebration was held, at which three children, fourteen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren were guests of honor.

"Trolley Funerals" Are Popular. Philadelphia.-The Rapid Transit company has insalled a "funeral trolley car" on its lines. Funerals by trolley are coming into style here.

BACKACHE AND ACHING JOINTS Together Tell of San Kidneys.

Much pain that Tells a Story masks as rheumatism is due to weak kidneys to their fallure to drive off urla acid thoroughly. When you suf-

disorders, get Donn's Kloney Pills, which have cured An Illinois Case Edward Parache, 1833 Cheviland Ava., bleago, Ill., says: "I suffered terribly cam kidney trouble which resulted in reper; For three months I was laid up 1th the terrible pains in my back, can's Kidney Fills came to my rescue for foctors failed and I cannot endorse was to the like."

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Lawyer's Tart Remarks Not Greatly Softened by His Rejoinder When "Called Down."

Andrew Lipscomb, who practices law before the courts of Maryland, was trying his first case before & of Norway supply hamense quantities Judge named Merrick Lipscomb, wishing to impress the judge, was, in of lobster is also found off the Cape | the language of the bar, right lippy in his remarks to the emineut gentleman. Finally, Merrick lost patience and exclaimed:

"Sit down! Sit down, sir! If you don't sit down I'll fine you for con-

tempt of court Lipscomb sat down, but turned to a young lawyer beside him, and remarked, in an undertone:

"That's the crustlest most opinion-It is the latest automobile diversion | ated old judge I ever saw. I'll show him where he gets off. He's an old

"If you talk like that, I'll beat up

"How sad!" said Lipscomb, smoothir. "How sad."-Popular Magazine;

Keeping Water Cold. If you are in the habit of taking a pitcher of iced water to your room on retiring, try this: Procure a square

pasteboard hox (with lid), sufficiently large to held your pitcher, and give it two or three coats of varnish on the outside, allowing each coat to dry thoroughly. Place your pitcher of water in this box before retiring, putting the lid on tightly, and you are sure of duly recorded. The number might having cold drinking water any hour of the night.

Cautious.

Hobson-I understand that you patronize Snips the tailor. Does he suit Harduppe-Not unless I pay him

something in advance. A man has no use for a woman who attempts to convince him that he is wrong and succeeds in doing it.

THIRTEEN YEARS

Unlucky Number for Dakota Woman. The question whether the number "13" is really more unlucky than any

other number has never been entirely A So. Dak. woman, after thirteen years of misery from drinking coffee, found a way to break the "unlacky spell." Tea is just as injurious as cof-

fee because it centains caffeine, the

drug in coffee. She writes: "For thirteen years I have been a nervous wreck from drinking coffee. My liver, stomuch, heart-in fact, my whole system being actually poisoned

by it. "Last year I was confined to my bed for six months. Finally it dawned on me that coffee caused the trouble. Then I began using Postum instead of coffee, but with little faith, as my mind was in such a condition that I

hardly knew what to do next. "Extreme nervousnes and failing eyesight caused me to lose all courage. In about two weeks after I quit coffee and began to use Postum I was able to read and my head felt clear. I am improving all the time and I will be a

strong, well woman yet. "I have fooled more than one person with a delicious cup of Postum. Mrs. S. wanted to know where I bought my fine coffee. I told her my grocer had it and when she found out it was Postum she has used it ever since, and

her nerves are building up fine. "My brain is strong, my nerves steady, my appetite good, and best of all, I enjoy such sound, pleasant sleep." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Get the little book in pkgs., "The Road to Wellville," There's a reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human



THE YELLOW MAN LOOKED THEM OVER AND THEN BECKONED THEM INSIDE THE PORTALS.

take notice again. They found them- | man, "Tell us, won't you, how w sgives in a dark, almost pitch-black happen to be here?" region of obscurity and silence, with a wooden settee sustaining their laughed the policeman. weight and a stone floor echoing to the touch of their heels. They found member things going round in circles we get the negro, we'll get belt, patheir heads aching fearfully, while sun- and then someone shooing our senses dry bruised spots on their backs, ribs away from us-nothing after that."

strangely soiled and dirty. eseried Brockett, striving to peer that as it may, we were walkin' State opened the envelopes in the belt, the across a few tuches of midnight gloom street, not too far from Taylor, when duplication of the writing might imat his companion.

slothing, and, apparently, in jail," re-I am all right and perfectly happy. youse. Five minutes more an' ye'd would not be likely to remember any-

"I haven't the slightest idea," ruenegro, while you tried to seize the belt. | crowd?"

"Have ye no memory at all?" "Almost none, officer. We can re-

and shins demanded consolation. It "I can believe ye," returned the of- rounding him up, if anybody can." was so dark in their new quarters that ficer. "I was just walkin' State street. they could not see themselves or each me and Flynn, me partner-I'm Ho- bered us from Detroit?" mused Brockwe heard sounds indicatin' that Satan | press him." "Somewhat battered on the head; had bruk loose in a coon restaurant somewhat damaged in the ribs and nearby. We went over, an I'm think- lane. "He was simply told, in De- New Year's day, is much needed in ent breeds, those most commonly emknees; considerably mussed up as to in we were just in time. Youse two troit, to hand that card to us, and Switzerland. Not that the Swiss as a ployed being of the St. Bernard or was on the floor, an' half a dozen big was paid something to do it. He nation are cruel to animals, one of mastiff race. On a market day the turned the Cuban. "Otherwise I think niggers was tramplin' the stuffin' outa might remember us, all right, but the best proofs of which is the num-

"Tell me," ventured Solano, "was business, I firmly believe everything fairly kind to animals in general often hard worked, for they may be fully responded Brockett. "All I can there one great big fellow, twice the will work out all right, and that the But, whether from thoughtlessness or seen lying strotched full length asleep

Then things seemed to go 'round and 'Now ye remind me of it," said the towards Mexico as fast as you may deret treated in Switzerland. Dogs, as been heated by the exertion of pull-towards mexico as fast as you may devery visitor to the country must be overy visitor to the country must be over the country mus

"That they did, an' the only thing

'round that place, I'm tellin' ye." This was a problem which required officer, how long have we been in doorway, and tapped thrice upon the reighty deliberation, and the uniucky here, and how long have we to stay?" panels. Somewhere in the woodwork

> yet. I'm not a bad judge of people confronted them, when I see them, an' ve loo't all right." Washed and brushed up the boys felt a little more like live human beinfekceping.

we'll go out an' do the best we can." find words to at the case, but the twinkle in the big policeman's eye told that he fully understood their feelings. He shook hands with them reassuringly, brought them a bundle of newspapers to while away the time, and then busied himself with the routine of his report upon the day's events. The boys were burled in the printed columns, when a little packet or paper seemed to waft itself through the window by which they were sitting. The packet fell at Brockett's

sprang for the window, peered eagerly out-and saw no one excepting two blue-clad policemen strolling by. Brockett opened the packet and found several thicknesses of blank paper, bound together to give weight and accuracy to the throwing of the missile. In the center of the package was a slip of cardboard, and written across this in the hieroglyphs Brock-

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whether we can keep faith as promised or have to give it all up and admit ourselves utter failures!"

"I only hope," said Brockett, "that

"I wonder if the big fellow remem-



Hard-Working Swiss Dogs

An amended law for the prevention ers and vegetable fruit sellers also

of cruelty to animals, such as that use teem. These dogs are, of course,

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all kinds of light carts. Most milk-

men and bakers employ dogs when

taking around milk or bread. Butch-

bamboo pipe was being passed from | an' scales de smokels silly. Now an he hasn't thrown away the envelopes. hand to hand. The sweet, penetrating, den yo'll see him in de yahd. Mah ill He might very likely destroy them to sickish smell of opium thickened the fren', dis min't no joke. Onst every at make the chance of adentifying the air; roaches ran, fearless and in- often dat haidless man comes roun belt so much smaller, and to protect quisitive, along the floor, and the heah, an' Ah'm almos' such dat he's woodra of the poppy god, silent, lost pretty nigh due. Didn't yo' nevel see "I hardly think so," Solano encour- in happiness, drowsed, smoked and no ghostses oveh in Manila?"

and Are Not Always Well

Treated.